Conversion of Tirupati-Pakala Railway line

2017. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to convert the Tirupati-Pakala Meter Gauge railway line to Broad Gauge and for formation of parallel Broad Gauge line between Pakala-Katpadi in South Central Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Due to constraints of resources.

Abolition of a contract system of track works in the Railways

2018. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract system recently introduced in the matter of track works is proposed to be abolished; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Introduction of new train between Faridabad and Delhi

2019. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of daily commuters travelling between Faridabad and Delhi have represented to the Railway authorities for the introduction of a new train between the two stations in the morning so as to enable them to reach their place of work in time;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a protest against the Railways' inability to accede to their request, trains were recently held up at Faridabad;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not introducing an additional train in the morning hours; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Resource constraints.

(d) It is proposed to introduce a new train between Ballabgarh and New Delhi serving Faridabad also depending upon availability of coaches from the Production Units.

Visit by scouts of Railway Board to earth-quake affected areas

2020. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some groups of Scouts of Railway Board have been permitted to visit the areas affected by earth-quake in Uttarkashi;

(b) whether the affected areas of Uttarkashi were under the strict control of Indian Army;

(c) whether it is a fact that the group was not allowed to reach the affected areas of Uttarkashi;

(d) what are the details of the responsibilities assigned to the group;

(e) if the reply to part (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for sending the group without obtaining